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Dear Chris

It's difficult to understand the present effort to *over control* the use of high efficiency outdoor wood fired boilers. Yet such efforts continue to waste the time of government and provide unreasonable hardship on environmentally aware citizens. As the founder of America's *first* graduate degree program in Environmental Education (in the mid 1960's), I have always know the value of these high efficiency devices for saving fossil fuels. Indeed, I have used one to heat my own home and office for more than 12 years. During that time I never cut a live tree, always used the waste product of tree surgeons, and thereby saved thousands of gallons of fossil fuel. So the value of these boilers is obvious. What's more, the present government controls on their installation and use is both adequate and reasonable.

The major objection to outdoor wood burning devices usually surrounds the production of smoke, focusing on both the particulate matter and the gas production. Well, even that issue is now falling under control as we see several new methods available for washing the emissions products of wood burning. So it seems that legislation to prohibit or further control the use of outdoor wood boilers is excessive. I wonder what help I can be in responding to those who would impose restrictions on their use. Please let me know if I can appear before any group of open minded folks who are considering the issue.

Best regards

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